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STATE UNVEILS PRIME MOVER TOW VEHICLES

Top state officials today unveiled the special tow vehicles that will move decontamination trailers across the state in the event of a mass emergency or disaster.

During an event at the State Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, Governor M. Jodi Rell joined Public Safety Commissioner Leonard C. Boyle and Emergency Management/Homeland Security Commissioner James Thomas to unveil the trucks, known as "prime movers."

The prime movers will be delivered to 30 municipalities and four state agencies over the next few months (see attached list). The vehicles are specially equipped to tow decontamination trailers stationed in those towns. The prime movers are valued at \$138,000 each. Both the prime movers and the decontamination trailers were purchased with funding from the federal government.

In addition to towing the trailers, the prime mover vehicles may be used for day-to-day operations by the towns in which they reside. The vehicles are equipped with a large capacity for storage of emergency items such as decontamination suits, medical supplies, etc.

Town officials and local fire chiefs who attended today's event in Windsor Locks were provided with an overview of the vehicles by state leaders involved in designing and obtaining the vehicles. During the design stage, four state agencies – the Departments of Public Safety, Motor Vehicles, Administrative Services and Transportation – corroborated with fire service providers to combine technical expertise together with first responder needs.

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Trailer Receipts

Trailer #	Municipality	Agency
1	City of Waterbury	Waterbury Fire Department
2	Town of Greenwich	Greenwich Fire Department
3	City of New London	New London Fire Department
4	City of Stamford	Stamford Fire and Rescue
5	Department of Environmental Protection	DEP Oil and Chemical Spill Response Unit
6	City of Bridgeport	Bridgeport Fire Department
7	Town of East Hartford	East Hartford Fire Department
8	City of New Haven	New Haven Fire Department
9	Bradley International Airport	Bradley Airport Fire Department
10	University of Connecticut Health Center	UConn Health Center Fire Department
11	Mashentucket Pequot Tribal Nation	Mashentucket Pequot Tribal Nation Fire Department
12	Town of Westport	Westport Fire Department
13	City of Danbury	Danbury Fire Department
14	Mohegan Tribal Nation	Mohegan Tribal Nation Fire Department
15	University of Connecticut	UConn Fire Department
16	City of Torrington	Torrington Fire Department
17	Town of West Hartford	West Hartford Fire Department
18	City of Norwalk	Norwalk Fire Department
19	Town of Guilford	Guilford Fire Department
20	City of Norwich	Norwich Fire Department
21	City of New Britain	New Britain Fire Department
22	Town of New Milford	Water Witch Hose Company
23	City of Derby	Derby Fire Department
24	Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments	Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
25	Town of Sharon	Sharon Fire Department
26	City of Meriden	Meriden Fire Department
27	City of Middletown	Middletown Fire Department
28	Town of Windham	Willimantic Fire Department
29	Town of Vernon	Vernon Fire Department
30	City of Milford	Milford Fire Department
31	City of Bristol	Bristol Fire Department
32	Town of Manchester	Manchester Fire Department
33	Town of Southington	Southington Fire Department
34	Town of Stafford	Stafford Fire Department

Representatives receiving Vehicles

Vehicle	Municipality	Representative
1	Waterbury	Assitant Chief Joseph McDermitt
2	Greenwich	Chief Daniel Warzoha
3	New London	Chief Ronald Samul
4	Stamford	Chief Robert McGrath
5	DEP	Commissioner Gina McCarthy
6	Bridgeport	Deputy Chief Wallace Thomas

Certificates of Appreciation

Agency	Name
Department of Administrative Services	Jill Belisle Therese Anderson Steven Dygus
Department of Motor Vehicles	Sgt. William Clark Sgt. Dennis Maurice
Department of Transportation	Richard Baron Janice Snyder
Department of Public Safety	Sgt. James Chiappetta Dawn Uraco-Di-Lullo
Greenwich Fire Department	Chief Dan Warzoha
Willimantic Fire Department	Chief John Walsh
Mashentucket Pequot Tribal Nation Fire Department	Chief Roger Sylvestre
Westport Fire Department	FF Eric Fine